Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, 5 minutes in the case of all important jetties.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Which is the rule?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is the rule which has given the power to the Chief Engineer to fix the time for the arrival and stopping of boat in jetties. He has the power to regulate the traffic.

Supply of Alwaye water to Mattancheri.

105. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate time when they hope to supply Mattancheri with sufficient quantity of Alwaye water through pipes instead of carrying water in the barges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government are not in a position to give a definite answer at this stage.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—May I know the reasons?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Government have under consideration two alternatives for the supply of water. These schemes are under consideration.

Supply of Electric energy to Ernakulam.

106. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate time when they hope to supply electric energy to the public of Ernakulam and Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is hoped it will be possible to supply electric energy to Ernakulam and Trichur within one year.

Supply of pure water to Thevara.

107. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) do the Government know that Thevara suffers from want of pure water during summer months;

(2) what distance is there between the southern end of Thevara and the southern end of the Ernakulam Municipality;

(3) what costs permanent and recurring will be required to supply Thevara with pipe water;

(4) is license fee collected by the Ernakulam Municipality or by the Public Health Department from Thevara;

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(5) Is there any public well in the locality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) About 1½ miles.

(3) The question of extending the pipe system beyond Municipal limits can be considered only after the quantity of water that can be taken from the Alwalye river is got increased and the existing pipe-line changed to one of a larger size.

(4) Yes. License fee for dangerous and offensive trades is being collected by the Municipality from places within one mile from the Municipal boundary and by the Public Health Department from the remaining parts.

(5) No.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Does the supply of pure water come under dangerous and offensive trades?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I do not think so.

Public demand for a bridge between Maradu and Nettur.

108. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) has there been any demand from the public for the construction of a bridge at Kettezhath kadavu connecting Maradu with Nettur;

(2) if so, when; will the Government be pleased to place on the table all the petitions received by them and the orders thereon;

(3) what step, if any, has been taken to give effect to this demand ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) There has been no demand from the public for the bridge in question.

(2) & (3) No answer is necessary in view of the above.

Location of new Town Hall.

109. **Mr. P. C. Varckey.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

have the Government considered the desirability of building the new Town Hall, facing west, on a prominent site on the

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